

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SEC. 106-13, ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL), CHAPTER 106 (OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS), OF CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA IN ANY CONVENIENCE STORES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the use of illegal drugs is causing the deaths of many Atlanta residents and is steadily destroying some Atlanta neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the combination of drug-related assaults, accidents and suicides contributes significantly to premature adolescent death; and

WHEREAS, the collective quality of life in the City of Atlanta is decreased by the destructions caused by illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, drug related objects and paraphernalia are used to in many cases to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce illegal drug into the human body; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Atlanta to be diligent in combating the drug problem by limiting and reducing the availability of drug paraphernalia.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. That Sec. 106-13, Article I (In General), Chapter 106 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), of Code of Ordinances, is hereby created to read as follows:

"Sec. 106-13. Sale of drug paraphernalia in convenience stores prohibited.

- (a) Generally. It shall be unlawful for any convenience store in the City of Atlanta to sell, give, exchange, or otherwise distribute to any person or company any **drug paraphernalia**.
- (b) Violation. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment in the city jail or stockade for not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment."